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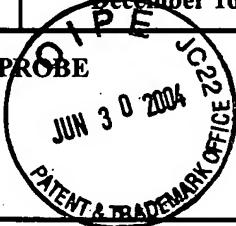
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. European Patent Application No. 0 589 396 A2, published March 30, 1994;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,766,703, dated June 16, 1998, issued to Mori et al.; and
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,884,627, dated March 23, 1999, issued to Wakabayashi et al.

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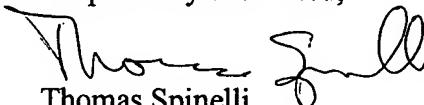
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The references were cited in a Search Report dated April 13, 2004 received from the European Patent Office. Applicants are submitting a copy of reference 1 together with a copy of the Search Report. References 2 and 3 are not being submitted herewith, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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